

Oscar Sprinz

1876-1945

On March 21, 1945, Dr. Oscar Sprinz died at Tegucigalpa, Republic of Honduras, at the age of 68 years. He was born in Berlin, Germany, July 31, 1876. Dr. Sprinz will long and gratefully be remembered as the Editor of the *Zentralblatt für Haut- und Geschlechtskrankheiten* and the Managing Editor of Joseph Jadassohn's *Handbuch der Haut- und Geschlechtskrankheiten*. This *Handbuch* embraces 23 volumes and is still the most complete and authoritative work in the field of dermatology. The Sprinz "Zentralblatt" represents an enormous collection of abstracts of the theoretical and practical literature of international dermatology. No period of this specialty has been covered more thoroughly than the years 1921-1933. During these years sixty volumes of the *Zentralblatt* were edited by Dr. Sprinz, with the assistance of hundreds of wisely chosen collaborators. When, in 1938, work and life itself had become impossible for him and his family in Germany, Dr. Sprinz went to Central America. He made his home in Tegucigalpa and established a new reputation for himself in the foreign country. When he died, he had become as highly regarded in his new home as he had been in the land of his birth. He was an honest, reliable friend. He was a skillful physician, an indefatigable worker and a man unsurpassed in modesty. The dermatologists of today owe much to Oscar Sprinz and recognize his great contributions to the literature and standing of their specialty.

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